

IN THE CLAIMS

1        Please amend claims 1 and 8.

Please cancel claims 6 and 7 without prejudice.

1.        (Currently amended)

5        A tool for insertion through the coracoid process and into the glenoid vault of a scapula, comprising:

an elongated, hollow, rigid tube having distal and proximal ends;

said tube having a length and diameter such that its distal end may be positioned in the glenoid vault and so that its proximal end may be placed into communication with  
10        a suction mechanism;:

an elongated sleeve which is slidably mounted on said tube; said sleeve having proximal and distal ends; and

a gasket operatively coupled to the distal end of said sleeve; said gasket being shaped and sized for selective sealing engagement with the coracoid process when the distal end of said tube is positioned in the glenoid vault.

2.        (Original)

The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has a plurality of openings formed therein.

20        3.        (Original)

The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an arcuate portion.

25        4.        (Original)

The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an angular portion.

5. (Original)

1           The tool of claim 1 further including a flexible obturator which may be selectively extended through said tube to clear said tube of debris.

6. (Cancelled)

5           7. (Cancelled)

8. (New)

A tool for drawing external material into the honeycomb structure of a bone by providing negative pressure to a bone cavity, comprising:

an elongated tube having distal and proximal ends and an outer surface;

10          said distal end of said elongated tube being positionable within the bone cavity, and

              said proximal end of said elongated tube being in operative communication with a suction mechanism; and

15          a sealing means in operative communication with sleeve, having proximal and distal

end portions, that is slidably coupled with the outer surface of said elongated

tube; said sealing means distal end portion of said sleeve having a sealing

surface that can be selectively positioned to sealing said bone cavity while said

suction mechanism provides negative pressure to said bone cavity to thereby

20          draw the external material into the honeycomb structure of the bone.

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